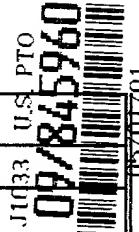




**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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| Attorney Docket No. | 862.1336 D1 |
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification Total Pages **179**

4. Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Sheets **100**

5. Oath or Declaration Total Pages **2**

a. Newly executed (original or copy)

b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)

i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed Statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer
Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)

a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. Specification Sequence Listing on:

i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or

ii. paper

c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

Power of Attorney

10. 37 CFR 3 73(b) Statement
(when there is an assignee)

Copies of IDS
Citations

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449

Copies of IDS
Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Other: _____

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. **08/573,519**

Prior application information: Examiner **A. Jankus** Group/Art Unit: **2772**

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts

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| CLAIMS | (1) FOR | (2) NUMBER FILED | (3) NUMBER EXTRA | (4) RATE | (5) CALCULATIONS |
|--------|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c)) | 75 -20 = | 55 | X \$ 18.00 = | \$990.00 |
| | INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b)) | 12 -3 = | 9 | X \$ 80.00 = | \$ 720.00 |
| | MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d)) | | | \$270.00 = | \$ 270.00 |
| | | | | BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a)) | \$ 710.00 |
| | | | | Total of above Calculations = | \$2,690.00 |
| | Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). | | | | |
| | | | | TOTAL = | \$2,690.00 |

19. Small entity status

- a. A small entity statement is enclosed
- b. A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. Is no longer claimed.

20. A check in the amount of \$ 2,690.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

21. A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the recordal fee is enclosed.

22. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1205:

- a. Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- b. Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
- c. Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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